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WHAT'S ON OUR NIGHTSTAND

Local butcher's daughter Mary B. Lucas has taken lessons learned at her father's butcher block and applied them to building a successful career. A desire to share that guidance with her children, who would otherwise never have known their grandfather, motivated Lucas to pen "Lunchmeat & Life Lessons: Sharing a Butcher's Wisdom," a book chockful of advice from her father, John Bichelmeyer.

"I wanted to capture everything about him for my children," says Lucas. "It's a real plus that others benefit from it, too."

The inspirational book was re-released last holiday season and is still available for purchase. In the book, Lucas intricately molds her father's advice into a recipe for modern business success. John Bichelmeyer of Bichelmeyer Meats, who has since passed away, imparted the featured guidance on his family, and thanks to Lucas, his words are now immortal.

February is American Heart Month and a portion of all proceeds from the book will be donated to the American Heart Association in honor of the Bichelmeyer parents, who both passed away from heart disease.

The book can be ordered at lunchmeatandlifelessons.com. It also is available locally at Rainy Day Books (2706 W. 53rd St., Fairway).

—Abigail Dennis



PROTECTING YOUR PHONE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

It may be difficult to stay on top of Apple's ever-evolving product line, but immediately after investing in the new iPad or iPhone 4, make sure to check out Bioserie's collection of plant-based gadget covers to protect your new purchase from an accidental drop which, unprotected, could shatter the screen. The iPhone 4 case, available for \$34.95 at bioserie.com, allows people to keep a clean, environmentally friendly conscience while enjoying technology. Free of petrochemicals and oil, these covers are made entirely of biodegradable plant materials. —Abigail Dennis

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Portfolio Kitchen & Home has introduced an exclusive line of cabinets that embrace green living on a budget. The 2bg (2 Be Green) cabinet boxes from Portfolio's Studio PKH Collection are constructed of 100 percent FSC-certified recycled fiber and designed for a 50- to 60-year shelf life. The doors and drawer fronts are FSC-certified Plyboo or Bio-fiber, using raw material left over from wheat production. And because the components are produced locally, there's added savings in transportation costs and emissions. Choose from finished or unfinished Bio-fiber Bamboo (pictured) or painted finishes. The cabinets are available locally from Portfolio Kitchen & Home (portfolio-home.com).



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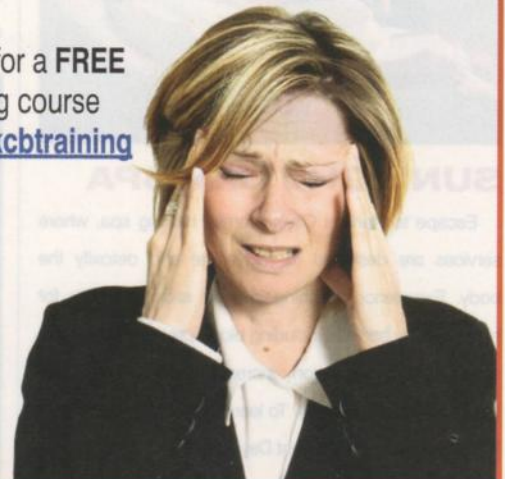
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